CONGRESS.

SEPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.] Senate, Monday, December 27. The Senate was not in session on Monday.

House of Representatives. Mr. Moore, of Ky., desired to offer population, which was read for information, declaring Alexander R. Boteler speaker the House, to which objection was made Messis. Bingham and Barksdale. Mr. delernand moved to strike out the name Alexander R. Boteler and insert that John G. Davis-after a short running debate, it was decided that objection having been made, the resolution was not before the House, when Mr. Smith, of Va., resumed the floor, yielded by him on Saturday, and proceeded to deliver a long and able speech, m which he opposed the election of Mr. Sherman, and reviewed the subject of slavery from the time of the Declaration of Independence, to the present day, arguing that the clause in the Declaration of Independence, asserting that "all men are born free and equal" was intended to apply to the white people of the country as distinguished from the African race, and throwing the odium of all the agitation in the country on that subject, on the North. In support of his position, he had read by the Clerk, volumnious extracts from the writings, speeches and opinions of Messrs. Rives, of Va., Justices Story and McLean, Clay, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Harrison, Gray, Otis.

Wise, J. Q. Adams, Ingersoll, and others. During the delivery of Mr. Smith's speech, a friend sent him a glass of egg-nog, which he drank, tendering the compliments of the season to the House, which caused much merriment.

Mr. Burnett, I rise to a question of privi lege. I desire to know whether this is a pri

rate treat or not. [Laughter.]
Mr. Moore, of Kentucky. I move that the House adjourn, that we all may take the same kind of a treat. [Laughter.] The Clerk. The Clerk would say to the gentleman frankly, that he does not feel authorized to decide the question he has raised, but will refer it to the decision of the House

if he insists upon it. [Renewed laughter. Mr. Moore, of Kentucky, will the gentleman from Virginia yield to me to make a

Mr. Smith, of Virginia. In a moment.-The House will bear me witness that I was very willing for an adjournment, out of reverence to "the day we celebrate:" [great laughter; but, sir, the party which regards the Sabbath as an innovation upon popular liberty, and repudiates it as a social arrangement, was not willing to manifest its reverence for the birth day of the Saviour of the world, and hence they refused an adjournment at the commencement of the day's session. Now, sir, in a Christian and reverential spirit, having performed a labor of love in endeavoring, however feebly, to enlighten the darkened understanding of that side of the House, I am willing to give way for a motion to adjourn. [Cries of "No! "No!" from the Republican benches. If it be the pleasure of the House to adjourn, I will yield very cheerfully. [Cries of "Go But I must resume in the morning.

Mr. McKnight. Before the gentleman yields, I wish to ask him a question in reference to the letter last read. I did not exactly understand it. Do I understand the gentleman to say that Mr. Clay looked upon slavery as an evil? Was that the purport of

Mr. Smith, of Virginia. Ask your ques tion to-morrow.

Mr. Burnett. I desire to say to the gentlemen upon the other side of the House, that I care nothing, personally, about an adjournment; but I think it is due to the boys upon this floor, and to the employees of this House, that we should adjourn. If there was any willing to have a vote taken; |cries of "Vote!" "Vote!" | but there is not, and I move that the House do now adjourn. Mr. Conkling. I demand the yeas and

mays.
Mr. Smith, of Virginia. If there is to be

any fuss about the matter I will go on. Mr. Morris, of Pennsylvania. With due courtesy to the gentleman from Virginia, I would suggest that we all would be accommodated if the House would consent to a motion that he should publish the rest of his Mr. Smith, of Virginia. No, sir; that will

not do. I never make printed speeches, I speak them. Mr. Moore of Kentucky. Will the gen-

tleman vield to me.

Mr. Smith, of Virginia. I will for a mo-

tion to adjourn.

Mr. Moore, of Kentucky. I desire the House to adjourn now. As was said on Saturday last, even the negroes have one week of holiday and recreation at Christmas; and I desire to know of those humanitarians here-[laughter]-those gentlemen who represent the philanthropists-if they desire us to remain here at hard labor; for it is awful hard to me. [Roars of laughter.] Will they insist upon depriving the employees of the flouse of their holiday? I am iu be done, I vote "aye." favor of having the House adjourn for at it to adjourn for a time long enough to let

I am in favor of its organization. If there have an end. Even this contest for the Speakbe one gentleman here, a man of honor-1 be a man of honor-[laughter]-who will ing a ballot now, I am in favor of taking that ballot. I have listened with great pleasure to the speech of my friend from Virgin-

Mr. Smith, of Virginia. I must call upon the gentleman from Kentucky to make his motion, if he has one to make. Mr. Moore, of Kentucky. Well, I move

that the House adjourn for one week. Mr. Bingham. I object to such a motion us that being received. Mr. Houston. This is the day which i

observed as-Mr. Smith, of Virginia. I can only say that I cannot consent to any such motion.

My speech will hurt. [Laughter.]
Mr. Burnett. I understood that my mo tion to adjourn had been received. Mr. Buffinton. I call for the yeas navs on that motion.

The yeas and nays were ordered. The Clerk commenced to call the roll. Mr. Houston, If the gentleman from Kentucky will withdraw his motion to ad-

journ, I think it probable we may have an understanding that no ballot will be taken this evening. Let both sides agree to that; me disrespect. and then the gentleman from Virginia can proceed with his remarks.

Mr. Smith, of Virginia. I object to that utterly. [Laughter.] Mr. Burnett. I think the House ought to

adjourn, and I insist on my motion. Mr. Moore, of Kentucky. I will submit to anything required by the gentleman from hour after hour, for motions to adjourn, for treatment of John Brown and his compan-Virginia, who was kind enough to yield the the purpose of manifesting the respect due to ions.

Mr. Morris, of Illinois. I want to know yielded the floor. I object to the floor being ful to me and not in any respect becoming that if they continued their aggressions yielded for any purpose. [Cries of "Too late!" No. sir: I have been making the objection all the time.

Mr. Morris, of Illinois. I wish my objecttion to be clearly understood.

Mr. Clerk, that I hallooed as loud as I could, the affirmative. and as often as I could, for two or three Mr. John Cochrane. I wish to change tives for ten days next ensuing the adoption minutes; but I was not recognized by the my vote. I think this is a very solemn Clerk. If the objection comes too late, it is time. [Excessive merriment.] I think the not my fault.

Mr. Washburn, of Maine. I ask whether and pass this day among the solemnities of the unanimous consent of the House will not this Hall. I vote "no." | Shouts of laughbe given to the withdrawal of the motion to ter.] adjourn, in order that we may go on and hear the rest of the speech of the honorable for the reason given by my colleague, [Mr. gentleman from Virginia. Let that be uneratood

my motion to adjourn; and gentlemen need of concluding his speech. Or, if the gentlenot make any appeal to me on the subject. man from Virginia would give us some rea-

Mr. Washburn, of Maine. I desire-The Clerk. The Clerk desires to say the gentleman from Maine, that the gentle- stipulate that he shall continue during the man from Kentucky refuses to withdraw his motion to adjourn. The Clerk desires to say to the gentleman from Illinois, that if he had propounded his objection before a response had been made, it would have been recognized as in time. The call of the roll has been commenced, and a response having been made, no motion is in order during the

Mr. Washburn, of Maine. We might, by unanimous consent-

[Cries of "Call the roll!"]

Mr. Adrain. I would inquire from the gentleman from Virginia, how much longer he intends to occupy in making his speech? for that will guide my vote on a motion to adjourn. [Cries of "Call the roll."] I understood from the gentleman that he wished | read it. three hours more to conclude his speech. If that be so, I will vote to adjourn.

The question was taken; and it was decided in the negative—yeas 75 nays 123.

During the vote.

Mr. Hill said he should vote for an adjournment on this motion; but if the House did not adjourn he should vote against every other motion to adjourn until Mr. Smith's speech was concluded.

Mr. Kilgore stated that he had paired with Mr. Edmundson who desired to go away.-If he had voted at all, he should have voted in favor of adjournment; and as his friend from Virginia was also averse to desecrating Christmas, he might, notwithstanding the pair, have voted. He declined to vote.

Mr. McPherson stated that he had paired till Thursday next, with Mr. Whiteley, who had been called home by the sudden illness of a member of his family.

Mr. Phelps stated that he had paired with Mr. Stratton.

Mr. Vallindigham stated that he thought that the House ought to have Mr. Smith's speech finished before adjournment; and therefore he voted "no."

Mr. Webster said: A sense of justice to myself impels me to say one word here, so that I may be consistent on the record. I have heretofore voted for every motion to adjourn, because an impression seemed to have prevailed throughout the country that Congress would do something extremely dangerous and extremely deleterious to the country. On that view, I have always voted "ave" on the motion to adjourn, knowing that no damage could be done after the House adjourned. (Laughter.) But I now feel called upon to vote differently, and for this reason: I was with my constituents last week, and, talking about the condition of the country, they informed me that in their opinion the crisis had passed, (laughter,) and that no evil to the country would befall, from Congress being in session. I understand that the distinguished gentleman from Virginia desires to go on with his remarks. With all due consideration for those gentlemen who feel inclined to adjourn, I feel it my conscientious duty to vote "no."

Mr. Smith, of Virginia. Allow me to say.

that I voted in the affirmative. Mr. Winslow. I think we might come to some understanding that would be satisfacchance of electing a Speaker, I should be tory to all. I propose that it shall be the agreement upon all sides, that no vote shall be taken to-day. Then the gentleman from Virginia may go on with his speech.

Mr. Smith, of Virginia. I object to that.

Mr. McKnight. Understanding that the gentleman from Virginia objects to having his audience diminished, I object to that.

Mr. Bocock. I do not know whether it has been announced that my colleague, (Mr. Clemens,) has paired off with the gentleman from Ohio, (Mr. Ashley,) and that my colleague, (Mr. Edmundson.) has paired off with the gentleman from Indiana, (Mr. Kil-

The Clerk. It has been so announced. Mr. Bocock. I have only this additional remark to make: If they had been here. they would have voted in the affirmative, and I am authorized to state that, if either of the gentlemen with whom they are paired. are disposed to vote for an adjournment, they

Mr. Fouke. Understanding that the gentleman from Virginia wishes to continue his remarks to-day, [laughter,] I change my vote, and vote against an adjourment.

may do so.

Mr. Hughes. I have heretofore voted on motions to adjourn in the negative; but differing with my colleague from Maryland, and thought it was the understanding that no acbelieving that a great deal of mischief may Mr. Hill. I would remark that on a re-

least one week. [Laughter.] I would like cent occasion, in the most eloquent speech to which I have had the pleasure of listening nate, was no act of the Senate, and he thought me go home to Kentucky. [Laughter.] If for some time, it was remarked by a most that it was the duty of the Senate to let the there be any chance to organize the House, distinguished statesman, that all things must ership, it is said, must have an end. It ocwant it distinctly understood that he must curs to me that if he had ever been present in this House, on an occasion like to-day, say that we can organize the House by tak- and heard such a course of debate as has been indulged in to-day, he would not have Annual Message on its being sent to them. hazarded the assertion. | Laughter. |

Now, sir, I move, in the utmost good nature, that my friend from Virginia. if he desires it, be permitted to continue his remarks Brown, of Miss., said that he wished to disto their conclusion, and that this House cuss the Message, but as it had been agreed stands adjourned until that conclusion, to transact no business until Tuesday next, & Bro. [roars of laughter, ] without any vote being | he would forbear. He moved to lay it upon

taken for Speaker.

Mr. Smith, of Virginia. I know not for what reason it is that gentlemen are disposed to treat me in the manner which they are

Mr. Hill. I disclaim for myself any un-

kindness.
Mr. Smith, of Virginia. I have borne myself, as every gentleman will bear me witness, with the utmost courtesy to every one on this floor. For two days I have yielded the floor to every gentleman who has applied to me for it. And now, when I have indicated a wish from the beginning to gratify a number of gentlemen who have spoken to me on the subject, by yielding for an adjournment; now that I have got into my speech, there is every disposition manifested to show

Mr. Hill. I disclaim it. Mr. Smith, of Virginia. I know not why it is. I ask if there has been anything in my conduct to justify it?

the day; but there is an effort by friend and by foe to empty these benches. I cannot as loyal a people as could be found anywhere: understand why it is; I consider it disrespect- but he warned gentlemen from the North. gentlemen. I am not only willing to adjourn,

Mr. Moore of Kentucky. I withdraw any of the names on the vote to adjourn was dis- whence it may, whether it be a fee from pensed with.

Mr. Martin, of Virginia. I desire to change they would do it.

my vote, and I do it out of courtesy to my distinguished colleage, Mr. Smith | Believobjection comes too late, a response having ing that he has not been treated with courtesy and respect he has been so willing to ex- was granted.

day is a solemn day, and I would sit here

Mr. Briggs. I wish to change my John Cochrane. I would vote "no," also for the purpose of affording the distinguish-Mr. Burnett. I do not intend to withdraw ed gentleman from Virginia an opportunity sonable guarantee as to the probable time he will occupy the floor, I should be glad to holiday week, which for all political purposes would anwer as well as an adjournment. [Laughter.] I vote "no."

Mr. Cox said he had been desired to an

nounce that Mr. Sickles had paired off. The vote was then announced as above

recorded. Mr. Hill. I have a proposition to make

now. I say, without meaning any disrespect to the distinguished gentleman from Virginia, that it is useless to disguise the fact that gentlemen would not for the best speech that could be made, sit here to-day and listen to it. I have listened to much he has said, and it is but justice to say that there is much information in it. I have heard gentlemen say that they intended to

A Member. Who said that? Mr. Hill. I heard Mr. Cobb, of Alabama,

say he intended to read it. (Laughter.) Mr. Cobb, of Ala .- I have listened to it as well as I could, but I do not recollect saymg that I intended to read it. [Increased laughter.

Mr. Morris, of Illinois. I object to the gentleman from Virginia violding the floor or any purpose whatever. Mr. Hill. I have not heard all the gentle

man's speech, and I desire to read it. But. in order to allow the gentleman to finish it to-day, I move that no vote for Speaker be taken before one o'clock to-morrow. There being no objection; the motion was

put and carried. Mr. Morris, of Illinois. I believe I am in time now; there is no motion before the House. I object to the gentleman from Virginia yielding the floor for any purpose, unless he yields unconditionally.

Mr. Keitt. I submit that the gentleman from Virginia has the right to yield the floor for an adjournment. Mr. Harris, of Maryland. I move that the

House do now adjourn. The Cierk. Does the gentleman from

Virginia yield for that purpose.

Mr. Smith, of Virginia. I have done it a dozen times, and no good has come of it.— (Laughter.) The Clerk. The gentleman from Illinois Mr. Morris | objects to the gentleman from

Virginia vielding the floor for that purpose.

Several Members-He has no right to ob-Messrs, Conkling, Buffington, Wo druff,

and others, demanded the yeas and nays. The yeas and nays were ordered. Mr. Smith, of Virginia-I ask what is the use of calling the yeas and nays. I have done my best to practice the courtesy due to the House. I have yielded repeatedly for motions to adjourn, under a sense of its propriety. I know not why it is that gentlemen persist in going on in the way they are

Mr. Harris, of Maryland-I withdraw the motion to adjourn. Mr. Wilson-I renew it. [Loud cries of

No!" "No!" "Withdraw it." Mr. Conkling demanded the yeas and nays. The yeas and navs were ordered. Mr. Barkadale-I hope the ventlemen from

Indiana will withdraw his motion to adjourn on with his speech, and conclude it. | Cries of "That is right!" "No!" "N !"] The Clerk - Does the gentleman from In-

diana withdraw his motion? Mr. Wilson - As gentlemen on the other side ask me to withdraw my motion to adjourn, I do so. Mr. Burnett-I ask the gentleman from

Virginia to yield me the floor. Mr. Smith, of Virginia-I do sir. [Cries of "Object!" from the Republican

benches. Mr. Burnett - Gentleman cannot object. The gentleman from Virginia has the right to yield for a motion to adjourn; which motion I now make.

The motion was agreed to; and thereupon at twenty minutes past three o'clock, p. m.) the House adjourned.

In the Senate, yesterday, immediately after the reading of the journal, the President's Annual Message was received, and after the transaction of a little routine business of no

general interest to the public--Mr. Iverson, of Georgia, moved that the message be taken from the table and read. Mr. Collamer, of Vermont, objected. He tion was to be taken by the Senate on any

subject during the holidays. Mr. Davis, of Miss., contended that the mere reading of the message before the Sedocument be read and go before the country.

Mr. Fessenden of Me., was opposed to the reading. Bayard of Del., suggested that it would be showing disrespect to the Chief Magistrate of the nation not to read his

The motion to read prevailed-ayes 28, noes 12-the Message was then read. At the conclusion of the reading, Mr.

the table. Mr. Bright, of Ind., moved that the Mes sage be printed, which motion was laid over. Mr. Stidell, of La., said that the report of the Secretary of the Treasury was upon the table. He moved it be referred to the Com-

which, the Senate adjourned. In the House of Representatives, yesterday, Mr. Smith, of Va., continued his speech. He denied that the Democratic party had, as was charged, originated the agitation of the slavery question. As to the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, the Whig party was

solely responsible for that act.
He read various extracts to show that the aims, purposes, and objects of the Republican party were hostile to the domestic peace

and tranquility of the South. He vindicated the action of the militia and people of Virginia, at Harper's Ferry, from the false aspersions which had been cast upon them by the Republican press at the North.

He claimed that the Southern people were able and sufficiently strong and efficient to but I desire it.

On motion of Mr. McKnight, the reading defend themselves from any attack, come whence it may, whether it be a fee from

Mr. Houston, of Ala., asked permission of the House to have the following resolution

Mr. Morris, of Illinois. I can only say tend to others, I change my vote and vote in Resolved. That --- be, and he is hereby chosen Speaker of the House of Representaof this resolution. | Cries of "I object."

object," from the Republican side. Mr. Houston.-Consent has been given to hear the resolution read for information, and it is, therefore, too late to make objection

the reading of the resolution. The Secretary continued reading, as fol-

"And resolved, further, that no question and order the same to be printed, or to act member of this House; and at the end of recommitted. the stated time, or as soon as such appropriation bill shall have become a law, the office of Speaker shall be declared vacant, and on two stores. the House shall proceed, under existing laws, to the election of Speaker. [Cries of

"I object," "I object," from the same side.]
Mr. Houston.—Mr. Clerk, I desire the reporters of the Globe to note the fact that the bjections in this case come from the Republican side of the House. This feeling tests the sincerity of those gentlemen who pretend to sympathize so greatly with the mail contractors of the Government.

On motion, the House then proceeded to the twenty-second trial for Speaker, which resulted as follows;

Whole number of votes cast, 208. Necessary for a choice, 105. Mr. Sherman, 101; der was adopted. Mr. Scott, 17: Mr. Houston, 15; Mr. Gilmer, 14: Mr. Bocock, 14; Mr. Maclay, 12; Mr. J. G. Davis, 5. Scattering, 23.
At the conclusion of the ballot, and at 10

minutes past 4 o'clock, the House adjourned.

The article in the Gazette of Saturday last, headed the "Commercial Interests of Virginia," was the most cenclusive argument on the subject discussed, that I have seen since the late excitement commencedand it cannot fail to make a strong impres sion upon every one who reads it. I have no idea who the author is, but he not only holds the pen of a ready writer, but states facts and gives reasons in a most convincing manner. If that article had been written before the "Citizen's Meeting," as it is called, several of the resolutions adopted at that

## meeting would never have been passed. MERCATOR.

MARRIED. In the M. E. Church, Alexandria, Va., on Tues day morning, 27th inst., by Rev. W. S. Edwards, Mr. WALTER B. WADDY and Miss AMANDA

On Wednesday morning, the 21st instant, at the M. E. Church, of Shepherdstown, by Rev. S. S.
Rozzel, Rev. SAMUEL V. LEECH, of the Builtimore Annual Conference, to Miss ELLEN LEE mitting the report of the Committee on TOWNER, youngest daughter of the late B. T. lowner, of Shepherdstown.

At Idlewald, near Port Gibson, Mississippi, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Butler, Mrs. ANN E. RAILEY, to Mr. WILSON BEN-SON, of Madison county, Miss.

DIED. In Washington, on the 24th inst., at the resi dence of his son-in law, S. C. Wailes, Mr. THOS. STANFORD, formerly of Baltimore, in the 56th

year of his age. COMMERCIAL.

Alexandria Market, December 27. The market opened very quiet, with light receipts. The holidays interfere materially with sending produce to market, and light receipts may be expected until after the 1st proxime. The freezing of the streams in the upper country has caused a great talling off in the amount of flour; and allow the gentleman from Virginia to go and less than 100 barrels were brought down by Railroad. We have no change in prices to note since our last report. About 1800 bushels of wheat were offered on 'Change, and sold at 130(& 133c. for white, and 118(a 120c. for red, according to quality. Corn was in fair request, and light supply, with sales of new white at Slc. We have to note continued firmness in the market for rye, with sales at 80c. In oats, there was nothing doing, and we have no change in quotations to note. Pork is unaltered, and brings \$6,75(a.\$7,25 and \$7,50 \$2 100 lbs., according to quality. Groceries as to the memorial of R. J. Lackey which are firm, but prices unchanged. In other articles usually quoted, there is nothing doing worthy

## New York Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Cotton closed firm; sales of 2,000 bales. Flour closed quiet; sales of 6,000 bbls.; State \$5.15(2,\$5.20; Ohio \$5.50(2,\$5.75; Southern \$5.40(2,\$5.75; Wheat closed quiet; sales of 8,000 bush.; Western white 150c. Corn closed heavy; sales of 3,200 bush.; new white and vellow \$2(a, sie. Pork closed heavy; mess \$16; prime \$11.62. Whiskey closed quiet at 264c.

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DECEMBER.					Meon's P	BASES.	
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3 Tuesday	7	23	4	37	DECEMBER 28,	91.	Hm.

## MARINE LIST. PORT OF ALEXANDRIA-DECEMBER 27.

ARRIVED. Steamship Monticello, tiager, New York, to Fowle & Co. Schr. E. H. Atwood, Rich, Boston, for George-Schr. E. A. Eliot, Scranton, Madison Conn.,

potatoes to Master. Schr. Brothers, Davey, New York, to American Schr. Henry Finch, Davey, New York, to Amer-

ienn Coal Co. Sehr. Stalesman, Mott, New York, to Stephen

Steamer Columbia, Harper, Baltimore, to Wheat Sailen.
Schr. Joseph Holmes, Matthews, Providence, wheat by M. Eldridge & Co.

MEMORANDA.
Steamships Mount Vernon, Smith, and Parkers burg, Powell, hence at New York, 24th inst. Schrs. R. G. Whilden, Neal, hence for Boston, arrived at Holmes' Hole, 22d inst., and Triumph. mittee on Finance and be printed; pending Artis, hence for Boston, arrived at do. 23d inst.

Schr. Minnesota, Baker, hence at Boston, 24th Schr. Eliza Jane, Sturgess, cleared at Boston, for Washington, 24th inst.
Sehr. Edward A. Dallett, Low, from George town, arrived at Portland, 23d inst. Schrs. H. W. Morse, Phillips, A. H. Brown, Ed

wards, and J. House, Sprague, hence for Taunton arrived at Fall River, 22d inst. Sears. Yankee Doodle, Ellery, and Beulah, hence at New York 26th inst.
Sebrs. Yorktown, Woglam, Mist, Dissoway, Jas.
S. Bayles, Thompson, W. L. Dayton, Babeock, and Eliott, Whilden, from Georgetown, arrived

at New York, 20th inst.

Apply immediately.

OST-On Sunday afternoon last, on Prince LI or Washington street, between the Methodist Episcopal Courch and the residence of Win, B. Richards, Sr., a CAMEO BRACELET, large Mr. Smith, of Virginia. It is Christmas time, and I have yielded, time after time and in an all the people as regarded the side. The finder will be liberally rewarded by

G BARRELS R. L. & A. STUART'S STEAM REFINED GOLDEN STRUP, received this day per steamer Montacello, and for sale by J. E. DOUGLASS. WANTED-At the Episcopal High School, a BOY 15 or 16 years old, accustomed to the dining room; and a MAN to attend to horses, &c.

N EW GOODS.—Just received at RICHARDS.
Partridge, Chinebilla, and all colours of double and single Worsteds, Hoop Skirts, Skirt Supporters, &c. MINCE MEAT. 225 its., s. cone supply of my own manufacture, and of very superior quality, for sale by J. E. DOUGLASS. LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. Armstrong, from the Committee on Claims, reported in favor of the remission Samuel Baker, and Messrs. John T. Hill, a compensation of \$20 to Police Officer, Jo-

Mr. Armstrong moved to lay the petition on the table. (The Committee on Claims had river on Sunday night. Altogether, the established the rule that if real estate paid new ship is a valuable addition to the line. per cent, on the assessment, no reduction ought to be made; it was, therefore, unnecessary to refer this petition, since this property rented for \$1400.) The petition was reterred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Bryan submitted an order that the petition of F. A. Marbury, for remission of tax of \$100, as Agent of the Albemarle Insurance Company, with accompanying papers, be withdrawn from the files, and referred to the Committee on Claims, which or-

Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad Company, any more lectures for the present. which was laid on the table for future con-

A petition of Robert J. Lackey asking a reduction of assessment on property at the of the Trustees of the poor.

The petition of Christopher Neale for a reduction of an assessment on buildings at the received, and referred to the Committee on | manufactured in the City of Alexandria.

The letter of Lewis McKenzie, esq., the that part of the County of Fairfax lying | Washington Lodge. north of Hunting Creek to the city, and the proposed extension of the Winchester and Potomac Railroad to Strasburg, was received, read, and referred to the Committee on General Laws.

The Board laid on the table the amend-Claims. Adjourned.

In the Common Council, Lewis McKenzi President, presided. A communication was received from R Johnston relative to a bill proposed in the General Assembly regarding the sale of the

Court House.

Mr. Latham introduced an order directing the remission of the gas bilis due from the several fire companies. Mr. Smoot offered a substitute allowing the Corpanies to use the gas until the committee on light should report upon the subject; both of which were laid

the joint rules authorizing either board to refer subjects to joint committees, which was Council concurred in the action of the Council concurred in the action of the Board of Aidermen recommitting the bill the laughable farce of the TWO GREGORIES. memorials of John Withers, F. A. Marbury,

Mr. Kinzer introduced an amendment to

C. Neale, and a letter of Lewis McKenzie, esq., to appropriate commutees. Council refused to concur in the action of the Board of Alderman relative to the claims of J. S. Rogers and others and recomitted the report, to be made more definite. Also

CHRISTMAS DAY .- The Christmas which

fell upon Sunday, was appropriately observed in the Churches of the city. Throughout the streets there was little sign of mirth. and the louder observances of the day were. by common consent, most properly postponed till Monday, which was observed with due festivity. The day was unusually pleasant. the finest indeed of all the month. The at mosphere was brighter, but as genial as in Indian Summer, and overcoats had to be left behind as incumbrances. The streets were filled from morn to eve with throngs of men and children, who seemed determined to "brave out the holiday;" and, notwithstand. ing the reports of pistols, and the bursting of squibs and fire crackers -the noise of which continued, without intermission, during the entire holiday-not a few ladies were lured abroad by the exceeding pleasantness of the

weather. The quiet of the citizens in the upper part of the town was a good deal disturbed by the firing of guns, pistols, and revolvers, on the sidewalks, by collections of unruly boys and young men, and ladies and children were much frightened and annoved at the manner in which the firing was kept up. The day was observed with greater mirth than has been usual here for several years. At night, rockets and other fireworks were set off at various places, and the noisy mirth had not entirely ceased its

din at midnight. The quiet pleasures of the fireside, the reunion of families and friends, the presents, the Christmas trees, and the social games and gladnesses that made Christmas indoors, were not forgotten mid the noisier rants of the streets. It was Merry Christmas in many a happy home, and the slumber that followed was the smiling sleep of innocence,

and brought neither head nor heart-ache. Among the incidents of the day, we mention the gathering of the children of the 1st Baptist Church Sabbath School, with their teachers and friends, in the Church basement, where they spent the morning in singing and listening to addresses from their Pastor and Teachers: and after these exercises, each scholar came forward, when his name was called, and from the hands of the Superintendent received a Christmas Gift. One hundred and eighty-two gifts were thus distributed, and all appeared happy and

CHRISTMAS EVE. - Christmas Eve did not lack appropriate observance in this city. Social parties gathered, full of glee, under many a hospitable roof, and many a reunion of friends made ready in advance, for "Merry

Christmas."
At Green's Mansion House, a hospitable board was spread, and a number of gentlemen accepted the invitation of the courteous host, and spent the evening around the social board in an exchange of friendly greetings that well became the festive season. As the evening advanced, toasts were drank; and among those who responded to complimentary sentiments, in appropriate speeches, were Law. B. Taylor, esq., President of the Board of Alderman, and Col. Charles E.

A plea ant party assembled, also, at Heflebower's City Hotel, and the later hours of Christmas Eve passed so pleasantly and so quickly away, that Christmas came in upon the S. W. corner of Prince and Royal streets, the pleasant gathering ere it separated.

CITY COUNCIL, LAST NIGHT .- BOARD OF ALDERMEN.-L. B. Taylor, President, pre- ship Company's line, arrived here, on her

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER MONTICELLO .-The new steamer Monticello, Capt. Gager, of the New York and Virginia Screw Steamfirst trip from New York, on Monday morning, about half-past 10 o'clock. She was immediately boarded by a large number of of a tax on a slave, each, charged to Capt, our citizens, who spent some time in examining the neat and convenient manner in The Clerk,-The Secretary will continue and James S. Rogers; in favor of granting which the steamer has been fitted up.-There is little to be added to the general seph Williamson, of Washington, for the description of the new ship, published in capture of certain alledged offenders; in fa- | Monday's Gazette. She sits the water like vor of reducing an income tax charged to a duck, and we have seldom seen a finer be entertained during that time except mo-tions to adjourn, to receive the President's of the tax on fees charged to C. M. Castle-the Potomac on Monday morning. In many Message, and the reports of the Secretaries, man, Deputy Sheriff, to James Sangster, and order the same to be printed, or to act. Sheriff, and adverse to the applications of J. the Mount Vernon, and the only differences upon bills appropriating money to meet the Monroe Newton, and John T. Hill, for re- are improvements. We noticed that her expenses and liabilities of the Post Office duction of assessment; all which reports state rooms seemed particularly neat, and Department. And that the Speaker so elec- were adopted, except that portion relative to that the larger ones were furnished with pa- damage. ted shall receive only the compensation of a the application of Mr. Castleman, which was tent sofas, which at a moment's warning could be converted into a pair of as comfor-Mr. Bryan presented the petition of John table berths as could be dreamed in. The Withers, for a reduction of the assessment steamer brought three passengers. She left a memorial to Congress, against the conduct New York at 34 o'clock on Saturday evening, and was detained three hours in the

> LECTURE.-F. W. Thomas, esq., who, some years ago, delivered Lectures here, which gave great satisfaction, and are still remembered with pleasure by many of our citizens, will, this evening, at half-past seven o'clock, deliver a Lecture in the Lyceum Hall, in the ourse of which he will recite the poem on 'Woman," and, also, give some notice of Edgar A. Poe, who was his personal and particular friend. As such a rich treat is eldom offered, we bespeak for the learned Mr. Armstrong, from the Committee on and eloquent lecturer a full house. In con-Streets, made a report on the subject of the sequence of a pressing engagement at Richculvert on the property of the Alexandria, mond, Mr. Thomas will be unable to deliver

> MANASSAS GAP RAILROAD COMPANY .- We are authorized to State that the Board of Directors of the Manassas Gap Railroad N. E. corner of King and Union, streets, Company, at their recent session, deemed it was referred to the Committee on Claims .- unnecessary for them to pass any "restric-The Board concured in the reference of Mr. tive" resolutions ordering purchases for that Johnston's letter, &c., relative to the Court road; because the Board have always pur-House, also, in the reference of the report sued the policy of buying in Virginia when practicable, and especially articles manufactured at home, in so much that all their Rolling stock, with the exception of one corner of King and Washington, sts., was Locomotive purchased in Baltimore, has been

> Sr. John's Day .- The Masonic fraternity delegate of the county in the General As- of this city, celebrated St. John's Day, last sembly, relative to a proposed repeal of the night, by an elegant supper, which was amendment to the city charter, annexing served up at the Lodge-room of Alexandria MILITARY .- The Court of Enquiry of the

> > essing fines and hearing excuses for absence from musters, &c. THEATRE. - The new Theatre continues to offer great attractions and o be well patronized. To-night, "Richard III" and the "Two

175th Regiment Virginia Militia, assembled

yesterday, and occupied the session in as-

Gregories" make up a most enticing bill. NEW THEATRE. ALEXANDRIA.

THIRTEENTH NIGHT. WEDNESDAY EVENING, December 28, 1859. SHAKSPERIAN TRAGEDY NIGHT!

RICHARD THE THIRD. W. GOSSIN in his superb rendition of the crafty DUKE OF GLOSTER.

For the first time this season of the great histor

The fascinating and accomplished actress
Miss JENNIE PARKER,
Will appear as Queen Elizabeth. All the Company in the cast. To conclude with (for the first time this season,)

for amending the city charter and referring Little Gregory, (with song.) Mr. Samuel Parker. Mrs. Gregory ....... Miss Mary Parker For full particulars, see bitls of the day. Pickets, admitting a Gentleman and Lady ...... 75 do, two Ladies...
SINGLE TICKETS: Do. do.

ZOT A portion of the Gallery, (right hand side,) will be act apart for colored persons

Zer Admission 25 cents. READINGS IN POETRY, WITH NOTICES OF THE POETS:

OF THE POETS:

ON THIS EVENING, (WEDNESDAY,) 28TH.

F. W. THOMAS.

The nuther of "Clinton Bradshaw," the song of "Tis said that Absence Conquers Love,"

Atc., will give
ORIGINAL AND SELECT READINGS IN POETRY.
IN THE HALL OF THE LYCEUM! Readings to commence at half-past 7 o'clock Admittance 25 cents. Tickets to be had a the Book Stores, Hotels and at the door,

[Sentinel] N OVA SCOTIA POTATOES.—50 barrols of very superior quality, for families, for sale by [dec 28] WM. H. FOWLE & SON. ELEGANT LACE WINDOW CURTAINS.-Just received, and for sale, 6 cartons, con taining a beautiful assortment of superbly Embroi dered Lace Window Curtains, direct from St. Gaul, in all prices, from \$6,50 to \$30 per window. Also, a lot of Swiss Muslin do. in pairs, and Curtain Laces and Muslins by the yard, in pieces:

alt of which we are running off at very reduced figures. CLAGETT & DODSON.
Washington, dec 23—co3t NoTice.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Washington and Alexandria Turnpike Road Company, will be held on Monday, 2d day of January next, at 12 o'clock, M., at the Office of the Company, No. 4, South Wharves, JAMES S. ROGERS, Treasurer, der 7-eetd

NOTICE -Our bills are all made off, ready for delivery and settlement. If not called for VOTICE—Our bills are an inade on, could delivery and settlement. If not called for tained as further security. Other particulars made on desk prior to the 18th of the present month, without discrimination, be issued.

HENRY J. SAMUELS, Special Commits. they will then, without discrimination, be issued. It is hoped there will be an early and more than usual promptness manifested by all to whom they will be sent in settling up.
CLAGETT & DODSON.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP. The copartnership heretofore existing be tween the undersigned, under the name and style of PRICE, BIRCH & CO., has been mutually J. C. COOK, C. M. PRICE. GEO. KEPHART.

WM. H. BIRCH.

Washington, dec 14-eotJan1.

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ADIES BUGLE Hair Netts, a further sup ply just received and for sale at greatly re duced prices; also, a few more of those celebrated Champion Skeleton Skirts, at C. C. BERRY'S.

in store and for sale by MARSHALL & CO. EASTPORT, BOSTON, AND HALIFAX HER-By RINGS, - 500 bbls, of prime quality, for sale WM. H. FOWLE & SON, No. 4 South Wharves

FRENCH PASTE BLACKING, the best Blacking in use, for sale by ing in use, for sale by
HENRY COUK & CO. OFFER FOR SALE the residence of the late Dr. Robert Wellford, located one mile from Brandy Station, Orange and Alexandria Railroad. The HOUSE is large and commodious, with six or eight ACRES OF LAND attach ed, and all necessary out buildings.

The situation is well suited for a professional

gentleman or one living in a city, and desiring a

pleasant and healthy country residence.
WM. N. WELLFORD. Brandy Station, ang 20-eoff DR. McGUIRE. AFFERS his Professional services to the citiPOST

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH

Later from California-By the Overland Mail. Malloy's Station, Mo., Dec. 26.-The Overland mail from San Francisco at noon on the 5th, arrived here on Sunday.

The Washoe silver mines continue to vield richly. The recent heavy rains had been of great benefit to the miners. The quartz and silver mines of Tuolumne county will set in operation over 150 stamps which have been idle for months.

The Calaveras river and its tributaries had overflowed their banks, doing great The silver mines at the fork of Carson river

were found to yield \$1000 per ton. A meeting at Carson valley had prepared of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, in refusing to count the votes by which J. J. Masser was elected delegate to Congress, in

Later from Mexico

place of Judge Crane, deceased.

New Orleans, Dec. 27 .- The steamship l'ennessee, from Vera Cruz, has arrived, but er advices are not very important.

A portion of a cargo of guns and carbines ordered by the Justez Government, had arrived at Vera Cruz from New York. The bark Julia Dean, from Havre, bound o Vera Cruz, was lost on the 9th, in a gale near the latter port. The crew were saved,

but the vessel was a total loss. Degollado had arrived at Vera Cruz .l'ampico was quiet, and no attack was apprehended

Marquez had been imprisoned by Miramon, on a charge of insubordination.

The Liberal forces at Teotitlan, in Oajaca, had been surprised and captured by the Church party.

The Yacht Wanderer.

BATH, Mr., Dec. 26 .- The story that Lin-

oln, of Bath, Me., was in any way connected with the yacht Wanderer, is a gross fabrication. Capt. Patten has been at home for some time, seen and known of all men, and possesses not one of the characteristics attributed to David Martin.

Oswego, N. Y., Dec. 26 .- Bunnell's malt house in this city was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. It was insured for \$7,000,

which about covers the loss. Steamer Burnt-Loss of Life. LOUISVILLE, Dec. 27 .- The steamer Vixen from Pittsburg for St. Louis, was burnt yesterday. Loss of boat and cargo, \$20,000. George Mott, a school teacher, of Lynch-

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26 .- The large jewelry store of Hyde & Goorich, in Canal street, was burned on Sunday. Loss about \$100,000.

Fire in New Orleans, etc.

The ship Fanny Fern, from Havre, has ar-

burg, Va., was burnt to death.

rived with the statue of Henry Clay. Death of Hon. Timothy Jenkins. UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 26 .- Hon. Timothy lenkins died on Saturday at Martinsburg. where he was in attendance at Court. He had represented this County in Congress, and was one of the most distinguished law-

yers in Central New York. Railroad Casualty.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 26 .- A collision occurred on the Central road, on Sunday morning, below Macon, by which one negro was killed, and five others severely wounded. One white man was mortally wounded. No further particulars, as yet. AUCTION SALES.

HERIFF'S SALE .- by virtue of a warrant of distress issued in favor of the Alexandria Canal Company, against James R. Wilson, I will offer for sale, by auction, ON THURSDAY, the FIFTH DAY or JANUARY, 1860, at noon, the following property, viz: SIX CANAL BOATS, now lying in and near the dock of the said Wilson, on the Alexan-dria Canal, near the Potomac Aqueduct, with their furniture and equipment, the same having been seized and taken under the said warrant, to satis-Fy rent due the said company. Terms cash.
Sale to take place at the said dock.
dec 28—dts C. M. CASTLEMAN, D. S.

offer for sale at Samuel Catts' Tavern, West End, ON MONDAY, JANUARY SECOND, 1860, at 12 o'clock, M., the following likely SLAVES, to wit: Emanuel, Robert, Allen, Simon, and Elizabeth and her two children. The above slaves are very likely and valuable as farm hands, and can bring the best recommendations as honest, industrious, obedient servants. For further information, en-

quire of Henry Birch, No. 200, twentieth street,

VALUABLE SLAVES FOR SALE.—By vir-

tue of a decree of the County Court of Alex-andria County, rendered in the suit of Birch's Ex-

Washington, D. C. RANDOLPH BIRCH, | Executors of John HENRY BIRCH, | Birch, dee'd. dec 28 -dts A LEXANDRIA REAL ESTATE FOR SALE A ON LONG CREDITS .- By virtue of a decretal order of the Circuit Court of Cabell County, rendered at the last August term, in the case of Sophia M. Peyton, against the beirs of Thomas Dundas, deceased, the undersigned, will, or. the fourth Monday in January next, at the front door of the Court House of Alexandria County, Va., sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, all that LOT OF LAND, in the city of Alexandria, occupied by what was formorly known as the Washington Tavern, now known as the MARSHALL HOUSE, together with the Stable lot thereto belonging, with their appurtenances, on three equal credits of 12, 18, and 24 months,

purchaser giving bond and security, and title reained as further security. Other particulars made JOHN LAIDLEY, Comm'rs

SALE OF BUILDING LOTS.—Will be offered at auction ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER SEVENTEENTH, on the premises, at 12 o'clock, M., FOURTEEN BUILDING LOTS, situated on the north side of Gibbon, between Pitt and St Asaph streets. TERMS OF SALE .- One-fifth each, the balance in 6, 12, 18, and 24 months, with interest—title to be given when the last payment is made. Deeds

to be paid for by the purchaser.

Will be sold at the same time, a GROUND RENT of \$22 per annum, on a lot fronting 22 feet on St. Araph street, and 118 feet deep. dee 10-dts T. M. McCORMICK, Auct'r. DAY, THE TWENTY-SECOND INSTANT, at same hour and place.
dec 21-d2t T. M. McCORMICK, Auct.

150 BBLS. FAMILY FLOUR
200 bbls. Extra Flour
300 bbls. Superfine Flour, different brands.

Same hour and place.

dec 21-d2t T. M. McCORMICK, Auet.
28 The above sale is further postponed to THURSDAY, THE TWENTY NINTH INST. at the same hour, in front of the Mayor's office. dec 94-dts DUBLIC SALE OF NEGROES .- I will sell at Public Sale, at Aquia, on Monday, 2nd day January, 1860, (that being Court day,) two very aloable NEGROES-a Man and Woman. The

man is a capital Farm band, and a good Driver. The woman is a most excellent Cook, Washer, Ironer, and good House Servant generally, Terms cash. JANE BELL, Guardian and Representative of the Legates of Jan. F. Bell, dec'd. Stafford County, Va., dec 23—eo2t FOR SALE.—Three two story FRAME HOUSES, fronting on St. Asaph street, im-

esq., will be sold at public auction, on the 10th of January, at 12 c'clock, in front of the Mayor's EDGAR E. HARPER, dec 23—cots or JESSE OWINGS. NOTICE. On the 1st of January, our accounts will be made out and ready for delivery at

mediately south of the residence of F. L. Smith,

our deek - all that are not called for on that day will tens of Alexandras and the vicinity. Office at then be issued, and we hope all those indebted to S. W. corner of Prince and Royal streets. will promptly sottle their bills. . & W. MEYENBERG.